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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Patrick Murphy for his outstanding contributions to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick J. Murphy is one such outstanding person who has served with honor and distinction for forty years as a physician in Tennessee and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, born and educated in Kentucky schools, Dr. Murphy received his undergraduate and M.D. degrees from the University of Louisville and its school of medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Murphy began his distinguished medical career in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky in 1953, practicing there until 1974 when he was selected as an associate professor at the University of Tennessee at Memphis in the Department of Family Medicine; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Dr. Murphy became a tenured professor at UT-Memphis, where he is widely respected and admired by students and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Murphy's contributions to the medical profession are unparalleled, as evidenced by his tenure as director of the St. Francis Family Practice Residency Program, as vice chairman of the UT-Memphis Department of Family Medicine and as director of the St. Francis Family Practice Center; and

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WHEREAS, despite the many demands placed upon him, Dr. Murphy still found time to devote his time and remarkable talents to the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Tennessee Medical Association and the Memphis and Shelby County Medical Society, dutifully serving as the society's chairman of the membership committee and vice-chairman of the ethics committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Murphy was deservedly selected in 1993 as the recipient of the prestigious Tennessee Family Physician of the Year Award, given annually by the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians; and

WHEREAS, perhaps his most gratifying work has been as a contributor of the Mid-South Association for Retarded Citizens; through his aluminum recycling projects, Dr. Murphy singlehandedly raised between \$100 and \$150 per month for the group's summer camps; and

WHEREAS, his many honors and accolades aside, Dr. Murphy is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his loving wife, Margaret Newman Murphy, and their seven children: Patrice, Patrick, Thomas, Dennis, Gerard, Kevin and Ann; and

WHEREAS, it is important that this body recognizes those Tennesseans whose unflagging commitment to the public welfare of this state and her citizens can be categorized as nothing short of outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we recognize Dr. Patrick J. Murphy for his proficient service and selfless dedication to the medical profession and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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